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Sir

The proposed settlement with Microsoft will perpetuate a vicious monopoly that has already cost IT consumers billions of dollars in lost productivity from poorly coded software and severely restricted their choices of tools in the workplace. Microsoft's behavior in court, its willingness to evade, deceive, bully and cajole is identical to its behavior in the marketplace. The settlement currently proposed by the Department of Justice will send a message to Microsoft and its peers that this kind of behavior is not only acceptable, but profitable. If this settlement goes through, the damage done will be incalculable. I strongly urge you to send a vibrant message to the entire computer industry by holding Microsoft strictly accountable for its illegal, anticompetitive actions: scrap this settlement and pursue the course that the dissenting states have adopted.

Anything less is woefully inadequate.

respectfully,
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